

7.4.3 PROJECT C09505 - OAKLEIGH HERITAGE PRECINCT CONSERVATION - PROJECT BUDGET VARIATION EXCEEDING CEO DELEGATION

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RECOMMENDATION

That Council:

- 1. Approves an increase to the Project Budget for Project C09505 – Oakleigh Heritage Precinct Conservation an additional \$6,900.**
- 2. Notes that the original project budget was \$41,500.**
- 3. Notes the total revised project budget of \$48,400 to enable successful delivery, inclusive of all project delivery fees.**

(*Please note that all dollar figures are GST Exclusive unless stated otherwise)

BACKGROUND

Oakleigh Pioneer Park is a significant site within the municipality, showcasing European settlement and the development of the suburb of Oakleigh. The memorials are valuable historical assets that need to be protected as the site is the only example of a cemetery associated with a park, civic functions and recreational facilities in a metropolitan town centre.

This is a unique and highly valued site within the City of Monash and the open space has seen an increase in passive recreation usage due to the impacts of COVID restrictions.

This increase in usage and visitation makes the safety of the memorials and the site as a whole paramount to the community.

The project scope involves the restoration of memorials at Pioneer Park in Oakleigh which have become damaged, degraded and dangerous, using best industry practice heritage conservation methods.

The restoration program of memorials has prioritised the block of four memorials Rattle/Rose and Barrett within the Oakleigh Heritage Precinct for restoration.

DISCUSSION

The block of four memorials Rattle/Rose and Barrett within the Oakleigh Heritage Precinct for restoration.

The scope of works cannot be reduced or staged without compromising the outcome of the restoration.

The memorials have OH&S issues that need to be addressed in a timely manner as delayed repairs

could lead to a further damage of the unique fabric and increased public safety risk in a popular public park.

Previously degraded memorials have seen an increased level of damage and vandalism during the preceding three months, which have exacerbated reputational as well as public OH&S risk.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In line with Council's Financial Delegation Limits (Item 4.1 Delegation Manual), Council must approve variations to Projects that are greater than 10% of the adopted budget.

The scope of works needed has exceeded the original budget as the tender prices came in overbudget and additional contingency is required to cover latent conditions. Therefore, the additional funds of \$6,900 is required to be funded by Council.

GENDER IMPACT ASSESSMENT

A GIA was not completed because this agenda item is not a 'policy', 'program' or 'service'.

CONCLUSION

That Council approves the recommendations contained within this report.

ATTACHMENT LIST

Nil